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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 2061

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, TU  
SUBJECT: TURKISH F-4 FUNDING PROBLEM

REF: STATE 57066

1. MFA DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR HAMIT BATU, CALLED DCM TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 21 TO EXPLAIN ONCE AGAIN GOT CONCERNS REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF FINDING A WAY TO RESOLVE SATISFACTORILY F-4 FUNDING PROBLEM PRIOR TO MARCH 31 DEADLINE. BATU SAID THAT TURKISH EMBASSY HAD REPORTED TO ANKARA THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS PLANNED TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ON MARCH 22. GOT WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT USG UNDERSTOOD THAT IT STRONGLY PREFERRED A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM WHICH PERMITTED THE PROGRAM TO REMAIN WITHIN FMS FRAMEWORK.

2. BATU SAID THAT IT WAS ALREADY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN DELAY IN DCA RATIFICATION TO TURKISH PUBLIC. IF F-4 PROGRAM WERE TO BE SWITCHED FROM FMS TO COMMERCIAL SALE  
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AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IT WOULD APPEAR TO MANY THAT THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD ENDED. DCM NOTED THAT AT THE TIME F-4 FMS PACKAGE WAS NEGOTIATED, USG OFFICIALS EXPLAINED TO GOT OFFICIALS THAT IF CURRENT YEAR FMS CEILING WERE REACHED PRIOR TO RATIFICATION OF DCA, THIS PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVERTED TO COMMERCIAL SALE. BATU SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT USG DID NOT HAVE

A LEGAL COMMITMENT TO KEEP PROGRAM WITHIN THE FMS FRAMEWORK  
BUT SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED FOR THE  
GOT HE HOPED THAT A WAY COULD BE FOUND.  
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